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the Commu-
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of the Body,
and the Life
Everlasting.
Amen.*

from the Father *l* by the Son *m*, to Inspire *v* and guide *o* the Prophets *p* and Apostles *q*, that they might fully reveal the Doctrine of Christ *r*: And by multitudes of evident Miracles, and wonderful Gifts *s* to be the great Witness of Christ *t* and of the Truth of his holy Word *u*: And to dwell *** and work *x* in all that are drawn to *y* Believe *z*, that, being first joined to Christ their Head *a*, and into one Church *b* which is his Body *c*, and so pardoned *d* and made the Sons of God *e*, they may be a peculiar People *f* sanctified to Christ *g*; and may mortify the Flesh *h*, and overcome the World *i* and the Devil *k*; and being zealous of good Works *l*, may serve God in Holiness and Righteousness *m*, and may live in the special Love *n* and Communion of the Saints *o*; and in hope of Christ's Coming *p*, and of Everlasting Life *q*.

I do heartily Take this One GOD, for my Only God *a*, and my Chief Good *b*: And this JESUS CHRIST for my only Lord-Redeemer and Saviour *c*, and this HOLY GHOST for my Sanctifier *d*: and the Doctrine by him revealed, and sealed by his Miracles, and now contained in the Holy Scriptures *e*, I do take for the Law of God *f*, and the Rule of my Faith and Life *g*: And Repenting unfeignedly of my Sins *h*, I do resolve *i* through the Grace of God *k* sincerely to obey him *l*, both in Holiness to God, and Righteousness

ness to Men *m*, and in special Love to the Saints, and Communion with them *n*; against all the Temptations of the Devil, the World, and my own Flesh *o*; and this to the Death *p*.

I Do consent *a* to be a Member of the particular *b* Church of Christ at ----- whereof ----- Teacher *c* and Overseer *d*, and to submit to -- Teaching *e* and Ministerial Guidance and Oversight *f*, according to God's Word *g*, and to hold Communion with that Church in the Publick Worshipping of God *h*, and to submit to the Brotherly Admonition of Fellow-Members *i*; that so we may be built up in Knowledge *k*, and Holiness, and may the better maintain our Obedience to Christ *m*, and the Welfare of this Society *n*, and hereby may the more please and glorify God *o*.

a Deut 6.4. 1 Cor 8.4,6 Isa 44.6 & 45.5,14,21. *b* 1 Cor 8.6 Eph 4.6 Phil 2.11. *c* Isa 57.15. 1 Tim 1.17 Deut 33.27 Rom 1.20 Psa 139.7,8,9, &c. Job 11.7,8,9 Isa 40.17 Rev 1.8 Heb 7.3. *d* Psa. 147.5 Rom 16.27 Jude 25 Job 36.5 Rom 11.33. *e* Exod 34.6 Psa 119.68. *f* Rev 19.6 & 4.8 & 11.17 Gen 17.1. *g* Pro 22.2 Isa 51.13 Psa 104.24 Gen 1. Isa 37.16. *h* Neh 9.6 Heb 1.3. *i* Luke 12.6,7 Psa 135.6 Acts 17.28 Pro 16.33 Job 34.33 Eph 1.11 Dan 4.35 & Rev 15.3 Isa 45.21 Psa 11.7 Rom 3.4,5,6 Gen 18.25 1 Exod 34.6 Neh 9.17, 31 Psa 103.8 Jer 3.12 Joel 2.13 Luke 6.36 *m* Psa 47.7 & 29.10 & 118.27

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Mat. 28. 18, 19, 20. All Power is given to me in Heaven and in Earth: Go ye therefore and *disciple* all Nations, *baptising* them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all Things whatsoever I have commanded you: And lo, I am with you alway even unto the End of the World. *Amen.*

Heb. 13. 17. Heb. 10. 24, 25. Rom. 15. 6. Obey them that have the Rule over you, and submit your selves: For they watch for your Souls, as they that must give Account; that they may do it with Joy, and not with Grief; for that is unprofitable for you. And let us consider one another, to provoke unto Love and to Good Works: Not forsaking the Assembling of Ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: That ye may with *One Mind* and *One Mouth* glorify God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Act. 20. 28, 29, 30, 31. Take heed therefore unto *Yourselves*, and to *All the Flock* over the which the *Holy Ghost* hath made you *Overseers*; to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with his own Blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous Wolves enter in among you, not sparing the Flock. Also of your own selves shall Men arise speaking perverse Things to draw away Disciples after them: Therefore watch.

Isa. 44. 3, 4, 5. For I will pour Water on him that is thirsty, and Floods upon the dry Ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy Seed, and my Blessing upon thine Off-spring: And they shall spring up as among the Grass, as Willows by the Water-Courses. One shall say [*I am the Lord,*] and another shall call himself by the Name of *Jacob*: And another shall subscribe with his Hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the Name of *Israel*.

(See Calvin and Musculus on this Text.)

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READER,
THE foregoing Paper was first found by the present Editor, in the Study of a Private Christian, fairly written, with the Proofs. It first appears to be Part of the *Worcester-shire* Agreement, contained at large in Mr. Baxter's *Christian Concord*; to which all, especially Learned Readers, are referred for the Origin, large Explanation, and Vindication of it. It was design'd by these Ministers to be the Foundation of a Regular Discipline in these Churches in 1653, and is now printed for the sake of some that use it according to the Title it here bears. This recited also Mr. Baxter's *Confession of Faith*.

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